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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of a Supplementary Partial European Search Report.

1. EP 0 546 939 A1
2. Patent Abstracts of Japan 3-021331
3. Patent Abstracts of Japan 7-097767
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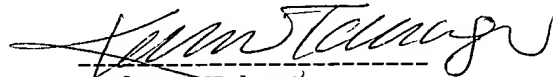
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